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Central Valley Water Board Issues \$190,038 Penalty to Donahue Schriber Asset Management Corp. for Water Code Violations

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SACRAMENTO – The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Water Board) has issued a \$190,038 Administrative Civil Liability penalty to the Donahue Schriber Asset Management Corporation for violations of the state water code.

Donahue Schriber violated the state's Construction General Permit (Permit) by failing to install adequate erosion and sediment control measures, resulting in highly turbid storm water from a Rocklin construction site during November-December 2012, impacting the water quality of Secret Ravine Creek, which is tributary to Dry Creek and the Sacramento River.

The discharges of storm water from construction sites is regulated under the Permit, which requires that best management practices be implemented to protect rivers and creeks from storm water runoff.

Donahue Schriber failed to install appropriate erosion and sediment control measures before a large rainstorm, which began on Nov. 28. This failure to comply with the Permit led to the discharge of approximately 76,000 gallons of turbid storm water to the creek, which provides spawning and rearing habitat for the federally-threatened Central Valley Steelhead and spawning habitat for the Central Valley fall and late-fall run Chinook salmon, which is a species of special concern to both the federal and state governments.

Donahue Schriber is completing development of the 59-acre Rocklin Crossings shopping center at the southeast intersection of Interstate 80 and Sierra College Blvd. in Placer County. The anchor tenants are Wal-Mart and Home Depot. Donahue Schriber began developing the site in August 2012, and continued construction through the winter months.

"The Water Board's permit does not prohibit construction activities at any time of the year, including during the wet season," said Water Board Executive Officer Pamela Creedon. "It was a business decision by Donahue Schriber to continue construction, and in making that decision it was the responsibility of Donahue Schriber to ensure measures were in place to protect our rivers and creeks during winter rain storms. Donahue Schriber failed to implement

the practices contained in their own storm water management plan, resulting in significant water quality impacts to Secret Ravine Creek.”

The maximum potential liability for these violations was \$896,000. The final liability amount is consistent with guidance adopted in the statewide enforcement policy. The Water Board offered Donahue Schriber the option of applying a portion of the penalty to an environmental enhancement project, but Donahue Schriber refused the Water Board’s offer.

Donahue Schriber is a private real estate investment trust operating on the West Coast. The company owns and manages 76 neighborhood, community, and major shopping centers representing over 11 million square feet of retail space. The shopping centers are located throughout California, Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

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